

Children and family talk for 6th November 2022

Hello everyone, thank you for joining me to hear the bible and worship God together. Today we are reading about a time that Jesus was being asked some tricky questions by some people who didn't believe in the resurrection, (that's when Christians rise up from death and go to be with God). These people were called Sadducees, and they were religious leaders who believed in slightly different things to the other religious leaders of the time. Let's find out what happened, we are reading from Luke chapter 20 verses 27 to 38.

Sadducees Try to Trick Jesus

²⁷ Some Sadducees came to Jesus. (Sadducees believe that people will not rise from death.) They asked, ²⁸ "Teacher, Moses wrote that a man's brother might die. He leaves a wife but no children. Then that man must marry the widow and have children for his dead brother. ²⁹ One time there were seven brothers. The first brother married, but died. He had no children. ³⁰ Then the second brother married the widow, and he died. ³¹ And the third brother married the widow, and he died. The same thing happened with all the other brothers. They all died and had no children. ³² The woman was the last to die. ³³ But all seven brothers married her. So when people rise from death, whose wife will the woman be?"

³⁴ Jesus said to the Sadducees, "On earth, people marry each other. ³⁵ But those who will be worthy to be raised from death and live again will not marry. ³⁶ In that life they are like angels and cannot die. They are children of God, because they have been raised from death. ³⁷ Moses clearly showed that the dead are raised to life. When Moses wrote about the burning bush, he said that the Lord is 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' ³⁸ God is the God of living people, not dead people. All people are alive to God."

Let's talk about our bible story:

Well, that was a bit of a strange, sad story, wasn't it? So many brothers dying! The Sadducees must have spent a lot of time thinking up this strange story of the brothers and the wife to try to prove that there is no such thing as the resurrection and to see what Jesus would say.

Sometimes we spent too long thinking of all the things that could go wrong, like the Sadducees did, instead of looking at the bigger picture, and it's the bigger picture that is more important here. Jesus answered the question but then looked at the bigger issue about resurrection.

Sometimes, as Christians, we can get asked very difficult questions, but often the people asking are not expecting an answer, they are just trying to confirm what they believe to be true. If this happens to you, its best to answer as best as you can, but to try to see what the real issue is. Sometimes people just need someone to listen to them and try to understand what they have been through; they may have been hurt by someone or something and it is making them angry at God. Giving them the chance to have their say may be what they really need at that time.

On earth we live, sometimes fall in love and get married, and eventually die, but Christians believe that is not the end of the story. We believe that when we die, we are raised from death and go on to live forever with God as God's children. In heaven there is no war, or death, no arguments or sadness because it is a place where God is and God is Love. As Christians we can try to spread some of that love to others we meet every day, by being a friend, having a listening ear, and being there for someone when they are in need.

Let's talk to God now:

God of love,
bless those whose heads are filled with questions,
and those whose hearts are filled with longing.
Give them confidence in asking, and joy in finding out.
Amen.

Now let's say the grace together...

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out hands as if expecting a present)
And the love of God (Put your hands on your heart)
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (Hold hands)
Be with us all now and for ever. Amen! (raise hands bringing thumbs together on the Amen)

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